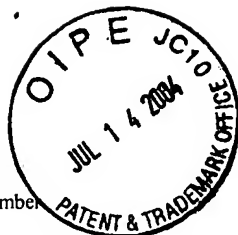


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated March 17, 2004, in the above-identified application.

Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed Form PTO-1449 filed with the Disclosure Statement dated December 4, 2003 has not been received. It is requested that the Examiner initial the Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return it to the undersigned attorney.

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☒ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) - Extension within first month
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☐ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(4) - Extension within fourth month.

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